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ImagiNation Explodes And Expands!

The release of the NEW, Fates of Twinion and Version 2.3 will thrill members with more fun & friends!

Oakhurst, CA - "The times they are a changin," and not just the "SN Times TSN is going through major changes with the new release of Fates of Twinton the sequel to the popular The Shadow of Yserbius and the much waited launching of a whole new



release of ImagiNation v2.3 software, filled with super new games.

Responding to the calls for "MORE" from the growing legions of TSN members, ImagNation has been expanding. There are new games and activities that will explode with more

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 fun for all! TSN has delivered up a top-quality collection of classic board games, sports games and more.

More Games, More Players, More Fun, More Excitement The Fates Of Tutnian

The fun begins with the release of Fates of Tumion, the much awaited segment that will add a whole new

dungeon dimension to MedievaLand foo ill enter through a newly-discovered underground gateway that has been revealed in Yserbius. You'll be challenged by elaborate labyrinths and bizarre dungeous. You'll find dozens of new quest

levels There is an enormous amount of new warriors to face and all new battles with nasty monsterns: Plus, there are plenty of skill levels (Can you detect a potkpocket?). And, there are multitudes of new wapons and quest I tiems that will keep you adventuring endlessly with a nation-wide group of enthusiastic game players.

Fates of Trimfon is projected for Fates of Trimfon is projected for

release in September. You can order it now for 89.95 (shipping and handling included) by calling 1-800-SIERRA-1 or by going to the TSN store in the ImagiNation Mall

ImagiNation Version 2.3 Soon after the expansion of

Soon after the expansion of MedievaLand is released, most of ImagNation is scheduled for an elaborate reconstruction. Starting in the Clubhouse, TSN will bring the Milton Bradley strategy game Stratego* To cyberspace. Vss. this game has been around for years and it is truly a classife. It's an absolute *MUST HAVE* in TSN!



You'll find the graphics are overwhelming (even if you've played the board game version). The outstanding game enhancements make it a whole new experience.

There are several default Strategy

board set-ups included, but you can change the set-ups as you see fit. (If you know this guy's or gai's strategy method, you can quickly change your strategy and win.)

It's a two-player game, with 40 player game, with 40

pieces, and if you find a set-up that is a total killer, you can save it easily It's always available to use on or to teach new opponents. You can make changes to your

set-up at any time before each game begins. The game will take you approximately one hour to finish. (It could be even less if your strategy is as good you think it is.) What really makes Stratego so

excellent is that you get to play against so many opponents. So, every game is different! Stratego is perfect for every game player looking for serious fun. Sure

the board game was fun to play with your friends, but are you ready to take on players from all four corners of the country? You'll fall in love with this game all over again 18-Hole 3-D Golf Simulation

Forget high-priced green fees. The best tournament-level golf ever is

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Here's a look at the NEW games on The Sierra Network

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE BECENT CHEEFATHON

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nance in the future for Chess on TSN Also. I want to thank all of the Chess Club volunteers who were so very helpful. I hope to do it again for Chess Club members (with a few changes to belo it so faster). Thank you also to TSN for this event, which is very good for the charity and the

CHESSATHON IS A BIG SUCCESS

The TSN Chessathon on June 27 was a great success. The event raised \$330 for the Chese Trust a charitable PEBLISHER Philip J. Monceo, St

foundation which provides free Chess eete and books to schools and hospitals throughout the United States Many thanks to Grandmaster Poman Daindrichaehvili and the following TSN members: Brian Catwoman Chesshut CHESSNIT Christine Crate DCDavidM Dutchman Everitt Carell LordDeanna MacDaddy Marius MikeG Motley Parony PalS Rebekah, Ren, R.J. robd, Skorniou.

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TALES FROM THE CHESSATHON

Hi, my name is Catwoman and recently I was involved in a charitable. event called the Chessathon That's where 13 kids played Chess with Grandmaster Roman Dzindzichashvill simultaneously. The event was held on Sunday June 27

So there I was setting ready to play a Grandmaster but first I went to the players' meeting. There I Jearned how the whole thing worked You actually PLAV with Poman, but the nerson in



the more with you is just a volunteer who holds his seat. Complicated At last the games started and exerviting went fine, although rather slow at times. Then Chesshut, my volunteer, lost his connection to TSN.

Without a same to play I watched others. A few were already history but many bad really good games going. They were really fun to watch and I met loads of new neonle!

Dummer

When at last the games were over I tore myself from the computer. As I said to TSNChess this will be definitely something to tell the grandkids. No doubt about it. Mr. Marro is a 12-marold member of the

TSN Chees Chibis Newsletter Committee are

Tuesday Night is "Fight-Night" at the Red Dragon Inn

The Pad Desays Inn is the neefect place to role play for people who can't schedule time for a regular game. The Inn is a medieval nub. There is no Came Master (CM) and the role playing is a free-form flowing bonter of ad-like Von can play any character from any role-mission come

The law is staffed by a mount of volunteer Innkeeners, but if you should find it empty wait awhile and comeone is bound to wander in . If there is no lenkages on date hele yourself to a bot meal, a cold must of ale and that with any other natrons that happen by:

That's the beauty of this type of role-playing. It can bannen with only two paonio or con handle un to 24

People play characters from all role-playing systems. A Mage from Krynn can discuss encils with a Winord from the Dalladium world. You may chat with a Cyberknight from the Rifts World to swap stories with a Spelliammer Bard, Star Wars, Jedae have been snotted quaffine brew alongside Vulcans and Klingons from the Star Trek PPC

The Ped Dreses lan enemone Arena Combat in the RDI Pit RDIDek (20101) is the pit-boss and moderafor of this activity. He has a comprehensive set of conversion charts so that players from any system can easily participate The Red Drogon Inn is located in

the RPG Zone. Get in on the action and enter at any time. Join in the fun See you at the Inn!

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The Sierra Netuuor

hy Scott Michalann A role-playing Game (or RPG) is a

boardless free-form game with rules for structure. A typical game has 4 to 6 participants. One person is the Game Master (or GM), who creates the land for the same. The others art out the roles of people in that world These people are known as Player Characters for PCs)

A game consists of the PCs reacting to situations in the GM's world. The GM will describe the situation (i.e. "You open the door to the more and a giant purple worm lunges at you. What do you do?"). The PCs' then state what their characters do (i.e. "I run away: I null my sword and slav the foul heast, etc.").

Since combat may occur in this

Role-Playing 101: The Short Course

Playing Out Your Fantasies

fantasy world, the GM has to develop rules for combat, Dice are usually used to determine if a PC hits or misses, and then to determine how bard the PC hits Such rules systems are usually known to the PGs before play.

in order to standardize rules systems and worlds, many companies produce printed rules TSP is the Japaest, with Dungeons and Dragons. Such rules systems allow a GM and PCs to work off a standardized rules system, and allow PCs to easily play in another GM's campaign.

There are various genres for RPGs Fantasy is by far the largest Genre. where PCs are in a medieval world where magic does work. Other popular genres are Horror, Science-Fiction (like Star Wars), Cyperpunk (a mixture of man and machines set in the future), Spy (James Bond stuff), Humor (there is a RPG called TOON, where the PCs play cartoon characters), and Western, in each RPG, the PCs will play characters from that world. Thus, each different RPG is a different feel of game, and present different problems for the PCs to solve. Most RPGers play games in various genres.

"Live" RPGs are catching on everywhere. In a Live RPG, the players design costumes and dress like their characters. Foam rubber weapons are made to simulate combat. Instead of the GM describing the situation it is set un filke a move set). Instead of the PCs just saving what they will do, they actually do it. There is a theme park (called Dream Park) in development to do this on a regular basis with electronic weapons

and bolograms (similar to Photon). If you have any questions about the hobby, write Santa (52645).

New TSV Cames men 15th dame.

now onen in enhancemen. One to four neonie can play 18-hole poli with all



Check wind direction, choose your club and not the cut of the green when you play the new 18 looks 3-0 foot on 1980 of 8

the variables. There's changing wind directions, pasty overgrown roughs. sand Irans and varying breaking creens. You'll have your choice of clube a 9-iron or driver for a 125 and friend Von decide But don't feel intimidated playing the prosbecause you can figure in bandcons TSN now offers you the ultimate in nationwide are colf tournaments

Chase At He Boot

Hang out all Knight (night). We've added new features to Chess that allow standard play as dictated by the United States Chess Federation This is a seriously fun came. We're tolking all new graphics, some clocks (there's one that even allows handicans for new players when they play against more experienced players). Plus you can SAVE CAMES been reports of come and as much more

Who is hurled in Count's Tomb? TEN 10 2 will list you to NEW a notionwide network of trivia alsoyre who are smart dumb cool shound friendly and disarmine. How good are you at trivia? Yeah yeah yeah you think you can heat the hest? Now can you prove it and take on the rest? Keen all your sports movie and other reference books bundy when you play NTN sames You'll be linked to an

antino nation of totals buffer It's All In the Cords

Spades is actually like two new cord games in one! This 4-player TSV version 2.3 of Snades includes both 'Partner' and Tutthmat' playing etylar. The 'Darreer' etyla of Spader



really brings TSN friends together in have fun. Plus, the strategy involved gives players an introduction to

learning Bridge The Yutthroot' style to make process for themselves and you'll discover card playing strategies you'll discover card playing a you never even knew evisted

Chicana Bubbas Beldus takes the card name Bridge to new levels It's fast (marks furious) but Chicago Rubber Bridge has all the ontions that will keen you suspended in suspense and clineing to the tip of your keyboard.

Eucher is a new fast and exciting card same for when you only have time for a quick game. You play with a



short deck. That means, you play with loss than 62 couls. You'll also

with either a 24-card or a 32-card deck. This fast moving card game gives you the freedom of playing with a partner or occasionally telling him or her to 'butt out'. If you think the hand you have is strong enough, then you have the ontion to play your hand out and use on your own And you'll meet friends with common card game

Interests So set selde some time each night, and play Euchre. Hey Pflots! New Airplanes Too!

The many flying families that love

Bod Roses will be elected to been that TSN version 2.3 offers a new improved flight simulator with additional planes and plenty of new challenges and raving doctions

ten and North and Other and advised for an October '92 release. To one order your ungrade so to the "Far Retter TeV" store in the Mull or call 1.800.SIEPPA-1 It's inst \$19.95 (chinning & handling included)



TON to controller with contact eatherings outings romances marriages, parties, game hints, conferences, friendships, scuba divine adventures and the binnest nationwide TSN nicule ever!

Sure It's the names. That's what everyone tells you is the most exciting part of TSN. And the games are fantastic. But why are names fun? Because you play them with other people. (Posted numbers all retiresent on-line E-mail. TSN addresses.)

From the Editor's Desk-

The Best Feature on TSN is Not a Game games. As far as we knew, there was

Two years ago, in June, my wife and I first signed on to TSN. It was a curious experience, since it was so different from the other networks we had called As a somenic of sorte me still have the original disk

The system was quite a bit smaller then. There were only six

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only one host. Later, we learned that these was another hest and shortly thereafter, a third bost was added Many changes have been incornerated since then and the overall concept of TSN has been altered

drastically-for the better. We have watched so chat and conference rooms, electronic mailnew lands and new games were introduced. But these things are not the most important part of TSN. Without a doubt, the most important

introduction to TSN bas been you, our members The thing that makes TSN so

unique is that it is dynamic, a living, breathing thing, a continually growing entity compromised of real people. You breath life, and add warmth and soul to what otherwise would merely be just another computer

network. Your suggestions, combined with programming and systems expertise have been incorporated into what TSN is now and will be. ImagiNation is the exciting playground it is today because you play such an important. part in its growth.

TSN is not just a place to play games. It is a place to meet people apart from the physical limitations of geography and visual appearance. It gives us a chance to meet individuals without any preconceived percentions about race, age, disabilities or

physical attractiveness.

Virtually every one of up has been touched in some way by someone they have met on TSN. Lifetime friendships bave formed. Some have turned into engagements and marriages. In fact, we just received a wedding invitation in the mail today, It fills our hearts to be nort of such a unprienful environment, the wonderful world of TSN's cyberspace, ImagiNation

In the last few months we have heard about AT&T. NTN and Prodigy becoming part of the TSN family. In the next few months we can

look forward to meeting new people. Acquaintances becomine friends. future releases moving from concept to games. We walt to bear even more good news of new additions to the TSN family.

We are proud to be part of the TSN family and are very bappy that you have chosen to be part of it too.

TSNer's spent a great day at Kine's Island in Cincinnati, Ohio Thunks to Melinda

There will be a Scuba Divine satherine in Boca Raton, Florida. Contact Eric (33457) for details

Jim Wise (17774) has occanized another outing on Saturday, August 7 in Sanducky Ohio at the ammerment nork at Ceriar Point.

There's a group of TSN folks that age arranging a nationwide gathering of all TSNer's. They call themselves the "The Texas Zoo". They are planning the biggest nationwide TSN gathering ever on October 14-17, Contact Lisa (39492) or Lucy (38816).

The Third Annual Hayward Picnic, August 14, is up to 100 TSN friends and is ever growing. Don't miss out on this. Contact FUZZ (1949) for more info. I hope to see you there. Send pictures if you have them. Let's show neonle our party aroun, or write to the TSN Times

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Conference Schedule for August

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This is where you med tractions Game and Red Baron Squadron meetings too geg; will also find trivia and rede-playing. Open games (RPGs) on a regular basis in 3 pm addition, you will find clubs and 6 pm. decreasions on a multitude of consist discussions on a multitude of special interruts from nolitics, self-belo errors interests from politics, self-help groups, 1 policy to corrie books and were genes.

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